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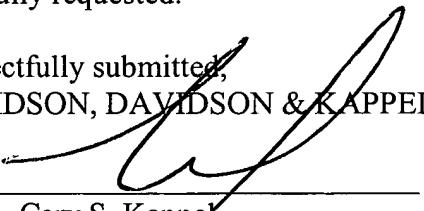
REMARKS

Claims 1 - 19 and 22 - 34 are pending. Claims 3 - 22 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies or to conform with United States practice. Claims 20 and 21 have been deleted without prejudice. New claims 23- 34 have been added.

It is submitted that no new matter has been added by virtue of this preliminary amendment.

A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims have been amended as follows:

- 3.(Amended) **The [A] composition of [as claimed in either claim 1 or] claim 2, comprising [which includes]** either or both of a green-lipped mussel extract (GLME) and a pharmaceutically active green lipped mussel product, in combination with any one or more of: shark cartilage, pharmacologically active shark extract, and chondroitin sulphate.
- 4.(Amended) **The [A] composition of [as claimed in either claim 1 or] claim 2, comprising [which includes]** an anti-inflammatory agent in combination with a chondroitin compound.
- 5.(Amended) **The [A] composition of [as claimed in either claim 1 or] claim 2, wherein said [which includes as the]** anti-inflammatory agent **is** either or both of shark cartilage and pharmacologically active shark cartilage extract in combination with any one or more of:
Enzogenol™, Pycnogenol™, a bark extract equivalent of Enzogenol™ or Pycnogenol™, chondroitin sulphate, and a chondroitin compound.
- 6.(Amended) **The [A] composition of claim 2, [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims]** which includes, as an enhancing agent, Pycnogenol™.
- 7.(Amended) **The [A] composition of claim 2, [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims]** which includes one or more anti-oxidants other than Enzogenol or equivalent bark extracts.
- 8.(Amended) **The [A] composition of claim [as claimed in claim] 7, wherein said [in which an]** anti-oxidant is vitamin E.
- 9.(Amended) **The [A] composition of claim 2 [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims]** which includes deer velvet or a pharmacologically active extract thereof.
- 10.(Amended) **The [A] composition of claim 2, [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims]** which includes additional glycosaminoglycans **other** than those present in the selected anti-inflammatory or enhancing agents.

11.(Amended) The [A] composition of claim 2, comprising [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims which] green-lipped mussel extract (GLME) and/or a pharmacologically active green lipped mussel product in sufficient amount to provide gastro-intestinal protection against irritation by other components in the composition.

12.(Amended) The [A] composition of claim 2, [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims] which also includes any one or more of the following components: a vitamin, glycine, lysine, methionine, glutamic acid, tyrosine, and compounds providing in a pharmacologically acceptable form one or more of the following elements: manganese, zinc, iron, magnesium, selenium, calcium, copper, potassium[,] and cobalt.

13.(Amended) The [A] composition of claim 2, [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims] which includes one or more pharmacologically active substances.

14.(Amended) The [A] composition of [as claimed in] claim 13, wherein said [in which a] pharmacologically active substance is an anti-inflammatory other than [those listed in claim 1] green-lipped mussel extract (GLME) and/or a pharmacologically active green-lipped mussel product and shark cartilage.

15.(Amended) The [A] composition of claim 2, [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims] formulated to be suitable for addressing any one or more of the following conditions in animals: inflammation, arthritis [,] and chronic joint pain.

16.(Amended) The [A] composition of claim 2, manufactured into a dosage form selected from [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in any one ore more of the following forms: as] a bolus or tablet, [in] a capsule, [as] a slow release implant, [as] a liquid composition, [as] a gel, [and as] a paste and combinations thereof.

17.(Amended) The [A] composition of claim 2, which is [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims] formulated for use with non-human mammals.

18.(Amended) The [A] method for addressing joint problems in non-human animals consisting of the administration of composition of claim 2, [as claimed in any one of the preceding claims].

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19.(Amended) **The [A] method of [as claimed in] claim 18, in which the method of administration is oral.**

22.(Amended) **[The use of any two or more of:**

i) green-lipped mussel extract (GLME) and/or a pharmacologically active green lipped mussel product,

ii) shark cartilage and/or pharmacologically active shark cartilage extract;

and

iii) an antioxidant bark extract,

in the preparation of a composition for use in addressing any one or more of:

a) inflammation;

b) degenerative joint complaints;

c) other cartiligenous degeneration;

d) gastrointestinal sensitivity or irritation;

e) cancerous tumours;]

A method for treating a human suffering from one or more conditions selected from inflammation, degenerative joint complaints, other cartiligenous degeneration, gastrointestinal sensitivity or irritation, and cancerous tumours, by administering a composition comprising two or more of a green-lipped mussel extract (GLME) and/or a pharmacologically active green lipped mussel product, shark cartilage and/or pharmacologically active shark cartilage extract; and an antioxidant bark extract.